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1. The 5th Construction Battalion was organized in January 1953, and is directly subordinate to the Naval Headquarters. The battalion headquarters and four companies of the battalion are quartered in the partially destroyed barracks in ul. Rzeznicka in Gdansk (Danzig) while the remaining fifth company of the battalion is quartered at Oksywie.
2. The composition of the battalion is as follows:
 - CO of the battalion: Major (Land Force)
 - Second in Command for Political Education: 2nd Lt. (Navy)
 - Staff Officer of the battalion: a naval officer.
3. The battalion is divided into five companies of three platoons each, of about 70 men each. The companies are commanded by naval officers, and the platoons by petty officers, from the Fleet Cadre in Ustka (Stolpmuende) who were attached to the battalion by way of disciplinary procedure.
4. The battalion was formed of recruits who were incorporated in it after their compulsory call-up. They came mainly from Upper Silesia and the voivodship of Rzeszow. They were of a low standard of physical fitness and there was a high percentage of illiterates among them.
5. Except for the cadre, the battalion was dressed in army uniform with red patches. Pay and food were the same as in normal army units.
6. During the period January-March 1953 the battalion was used for clearing rubble from the military buildings in Gdansk and Westerplatte, destroyed during

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the war. Only two hours weekly were spent on military training including drill. Several lectures were also delivered on armament with the help of the only Soviet rifle in the company's possession.

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